

Comments From Petition Against Commercial Short Term Rentals

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kathleen capobianco	78704	6/13/12	no businesses in neighborhoods
April Pennington	78744	6/14/12	As a homeowner, I would not care for a revolving door of unknown persons frequenting my neighborhood that will regard for the people who live here everyday.
Peter Nesbitt	78704	6/14/12	I live three doors away from a Commercial Short Term Rental (CSTR) property. The owner of this property operates and his business disrupts the peace and quiet that once existed on our street. My calls to Austin 311 and 911 have 'em down.
Helen Rockenbaugh	78745	6/14/12	I do not want commercial short term rentals in my neighborhood. Let's follow Portland's example and ban in single family residential neighborhoods.
Susan Gratter	78745	6/14/12	I see the impact of a condo I have downtown that has short-term rentals in the complex. It erodes quality of life issues some of which are noise, rudeness, destruction and mis-use of common elements and much more.
Sara Dunn	78745	6/14/12	To prevent residential zoned areas to lose their character and essence.
Deborah James	78749	6/14/12	For the neighborhoods to retain the character and culture of family residences; also because there is no oversight of businesses.
Catherine Willmann	78704	6/14/12	I am opposed to allowing commercial short -term rental properties in single family residential neighborhoods.
sheila stricker	78704	6/14/12	Originally, I wasn't opposed but having experienced the one on my street I see that a weekly rental as opposed to a monthly is just not good for the local school or the neighborhood.
Elizabeth Gregowicz	78704	6/14/12	I do not support commercial STRs (type 2) in SF zoned-neighborhoods. Commercial STRs are just that - businesses belong in residential neighborhoods. I am appalled that the city of Austin does not currently regulate these businesses with taxes on them. In these fiscally tight times it is more than disappointing that the majority of city Council decided to ignore the voices of neighborhood constituencies - particularly since many council members voiced privately that they would not support STRs as a neighbor. City employees were derelict in their duties as demonstrated by the city staff proposal.
John Tongate	78704	6/14/12	I do not want a revolving door of very temporary residents in my neighborhood. When you have subsidized the business hotels why would you then deflect that business to residential areas? How serious are you about population density when you make that option less attractive?
Miriam Joffe	78704	6/14/12	I choose to live here because of the stability of the neighborhood and reliance on my neighbors, especially when I am in favor of an ordinance that would bring strangers into my neighborhood. With the cost of housing and taxes in our neighborhood we would hope that we would have a voice and a choice to prevent STRs. And I would hope that my elected officials would listen to our concerns.
Sallie Delahoussaye	78704	6/14/12	I want to know who my neighbors are. I bought in a single family residential neighborhood and don't want that property used for Short -Term Rentals.
Jill Nichols	78704	6/15/12	CSTRs are the death knell for certain residential neighborhoods as we know them. I live near a home that is (illegal code) used as a commercial STR, and have been frequently disturbed by large parties in the home. Businesses should not be allowed in neighborhoods zoned as residential. The proposed 3% cap is outrageous as well. Commercial STR's should not be allowed in residential neighborhoods.
Patricia Rosenblad	78704	6/15/12	I want to protect the integrity of our neighborhood.
Deanna McMillen	78757	6/15/12	The Crestview Neighborhood Association is against any commercial short term rental in single family zoned neighborhoods. Crestview neighbors voted and directed me to represent that viewpoint. Crestview also takes the position that the current ordinance on short term rentals in neighborhoods is too liberal. Deanna McMillen, President, Crestview Neighborhood Association

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Mary Campbell	78704	6/15/12	I am opposed to allowing commercial STRs in an area zoned for single family homes. I do not disagree with allowing someone to rent out his/her home for a single event for a short weekend, such as ACL. I cannot believe that the city council has given special interest groups as opposed to homeowners and property tax payers!!! You can't keep up with substandard buildings so how are you going to enforce this regulation, by adding additional property taxes to my already unrecoverable costs?
Wanda Harkness	78704	6/15/12	Residential Zoning provides the assurance that when you buy in a neighborhood, you will live in a neighborhood. STRs can obtain a zoning change by going through the process designed for that purpose and overcoming any issues with that specific site. This is a wholesale attack on our residential neighborhood.
Ellen Willmore	78704	6/15/12	Preserve Austin neighborhoods. 3% is too many STRs in a neighborhood because they will not be evenly distributed. They take specific blocks of houses from homes to hotels.
Liz Barnes	78704	6/15/12	My neighborhood is not zoned commercial and STRs are businesses that disrupt the fabric of neighborhoods.
Tim Thomas	78741	6/15/12	I'm signing this position not to "preserve neighborhoods", but because I fear the commercial short term rentals could drive hotels out of business. This could lead back to discrimination and a situation where you cannot get a hotel room if you are black or in a wheelchair.
Jon Etkins	78757	6/16/12	I do not believe that commercial rental is appropriate in residential-zoned neighborhoods.
Pat Orman	78757	6/16/12	protect my street, my neighborhood
Jim Nolan	78704	6/16/12	Commercial short term rental properties have no business existing in a single family residential zoning. They destroy the neighborhood. These ventures are operating illegally at present and should not be allowed by changing current zoning to allow them to stay in commercial zoning.
Natalie Durkin	78752	6/16/12	Austin has experienced exponential growth, both in industry and for lack of better words "celebrity" or "cultural" tourism. Everybody and their uncle wants to either move here or get a piece of the financial pie... It is hard enough for Austin to maintain a basic neighborhood-like way of life... having short-term commercial rentals who are in no way vested or participating in the neighborhoods in which they will be situated, goes against everything strong neighborhoods stand for. Not to mention the expenses of having to fund enforcement of the ordinance. Epic fail. Just say no.
JAMIE BARSHOP	78703	6/16/12	I live here and want to keep my neighborhood safe and pleasant!
Lyn Krause	78757	6/16/12	Neighborhoods are for neighbors, not strangers. Don't destroy the fabric of our neighborhoods.
Colleen Theriot	78703	6/16/12	Please imagine being a child growing up on a street full of short-term rental properties. How awful, and how dangerous. Neighborhoods weaken and residents lose connection to each other and their city. There is enough flexibility in the ordinance that owners who want to rent out their homes for Austin's special events, can. It's a reasonable, even common sense ordinance that protects our neighborhoods & families while allowing homeowners to take advantage of the market. Commercial short-term rentals in single-family neighborhoods will erode the fabric of our communities and are not consistent with what is special about Austin. A slippery slope to "Anywhere, USA".
Belia Nichols	78757	6/16/12	Catering to out of towners is ruining neighborhoods. Stop this!
Theo Kitchen	78704	6/16/12	I live next door to a short term rental. Loud frat parties, 20 cars parked on the street at a time, parade of strangers coming and going out of the rental house, and drunken fights/drivers on the street at 2am.
Kent & Karol Middleton	78757	6/16/12	Homes are not motels.
Margaret Sachnik	78748	6/16/12	Homesteaders should be able to do this. Like vacation swaps; however I have a problem with the idea if it is truly a business operating a hotel in a residential neighborhood

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Delwin Goss	78741	6/16/12	I don't care what the sell outs on the Council want to say to keep their reelection funding nice and fat; commercial use and it violates single family zoning. A hotel; a motel is not a single family dwelling and using a home as a hotel zoning laws. What's next? Park land can be converted to shopping malls because people walk them like a trail?
Mark Plunkett	78704	6/16/12	To protect my neighborhood from commercial short term rentals in a zoned residential area.
George Wyche	78751-3723	6/16/12	I have one less neighbor because of the STR on my block.
Eric Lundquist	78745	6/16/12	Hotels should be regulated and run as hotels. Commercial non homesteaded short term rentals are hotels. Just s
Kay Horn	78757	6/16/12	STR's are illegal and will harm our neighborhoods.
Donna Halbert	78745	6/16/12	I do not want short term rentals in my neighborhood.
Donna Beth McCormick	78756	6/16/12	They are illegal in single family zoning and will destroy Austin neighborhoods. There will be no voters, no kids, no support for local business. And they have no regulation and do not want any.
Cyrus Jones	78704	6/16/12	No transient housing (hotels) in single family residential zoned districts.
Sandra Nichols	78701	6/16/12	We were long-time residents of Barton Hills (from 1967 to 2010) and know what a wonderful neighborhood it WAS! Briargrove, and we enjoyed may National Night Out events plus several other get-togethers during the year with neighbors. That was wonderful until one of the houses became a commercial STR. Now, the weekends usually by cars, loud parties with unacceptable language and "toys" because of the STR on the street. The entire area of Barton Hills affected by the unusual concentration of STRs. Counting STRs by zip code doesn't reveal the concentration in Barton Hills. I am at a loss to understand the council's action of permitting commercial STRs in Austin's neighborhoods. How as weird as it once was - friendly, laid-back, environmentally sensitive, disinclined toward the ostentatious show cars, really want to trade all of that for decisions that are all about money? Respectfully Sandra Nichols.
Zorena Bolton	78704	6/16/12	It would be destructive to the residential nature of the community and the neighborhood by replacing families who use it for stable housing with those whose needs are more temporary thereby affecting the school census, etc. which is hard to sustain the elementary school. This is a residential oasis in the center of urban Austin and deserves to be
bob beglau	78757	6/16/12	It is wrong for the mayor or city council members to allow. Integrity of city, state, and federal laws is important. city government vote for this they should be recalled and we can do that.
Dealey Herndon	78703	6/16/12	A family neighborhood is strongest and most vibrant when the homeowners have a personal interest in maintaining it and in interacting with their longterm neighbors. Scattered commercial rental homes do not support this goal since they are not permanent..
Edmund Nichols	78701	6/16/12	Such an ordinance would compromise neighborhood integrity and in effect allow commercial enterprises which are in violation of neighborhood covenants.
Kellye Rila	78745	6/17/12	To keep my neighborhood a NEIGHBORHOOD!
Darcy Goff	78704	6/17/12	We have two young daughters and are building our lives here in Barton Hills. The commercial interests will NOT be a huge detriment.
Ana Munoz	78732	6/18/12	My chil'd friend lives next to a short term rental so the safety concerns spreads to other neighborhoods as well.
Susan Pascoe	78703	6/18/12	I agree with the position of the ANC.

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Janis Reinken	78755	6/18/12	Having a commercial short-term rental is going to cause neighborhood blight, and nearby property owners such as asking Travis CAD to reduce the appraised value of their homestead, which will lower the tax base for all taxing jurisdictions in the City.. There is also a problem with allowing the owner of a SF residential property to make a unilateral decision without allowing the neighbors more than a notice of the permitting. The neighbors within the area should have been heard BEFORE the permit is granted as they would be if the owner were asking for a variance from the SF zoning code just a way to circumvent the SF zoning code and bring strangers into SF neighborhoods on a frequent basis. Neighbors when the residents participate in the 4th of July parades, block parties, neighborhood association activities, neighborhood sales, PTO organizations, neighborhood watch protection, being counted in the US Census, and VOTING for the STR renters won't be "neighbors" in the neighborhood at all, and commercial STR's should be restricted to non-
Chris Allen	78756	6/18/12	It's simply not right to allow commercial exploitation of SF properties to this degree!
bob beglau	78757	6/18/12	It is simply wrong and the mayor and city council should be held responsible.
Kimberly Donovan	78703	6/18/12	Commercial short-term rentals are inconsistent with and harmful to residential neighborhoods. They will increase pollution, and traffic congestion in neighborhoods.
Annette Pizzini	78703	6/19/12	Dealing with the traffic, noise and number of people that come through our neighborhood during festivals is quite a burden on our neighborhood which most of us gladly take on. Having to patrol the neighborhood 24 hours a day with short-term rentals those times would not be a desirable situation for us. Austin has enough hotels/motels for out of town guests to impose upon the small neighborhoods that surround the city.
Dianne Mountain	78756	6/19/12	I bought a home in a "neighbor"-hood because I wanted to live among "neighbors," not commercial clients coming in a few days. "Neighbor"-hoods add stability to the central city and should be preserved.
Robbin Trusty	78704	6/20/12	If you allow businesses to use residential-zoned homes for commercial purposes, how can you stop other businesses from doing the same thing? Please don't introduce that possibility.

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Sanford Marble	78756	6/20/12	This ordinance shifts the rights to define family neighborhoods away from residential owners to commercial interests rarely live in the neighborhoods where they are harvesting "residential" values, and they are unlikely to maintaining those values. They do not have children going to the local schools, they do not have children walking streets, they do not have children using the local parks. And, as competitive businesses, they are unlikely to spend term commitments to the quality of life in a neighborhood. When the neighborhoods they are harvesting become commercial operators will simply move on. This ordinance will increase the burden on residential owners (which is given the city's weak enforcement commitments in many areas) of making the sure the city enforces zoning and other laws in their neighborhoods. There is effectively no limit in this ordinance on the impact that commercial operators on residential neighborhoods as they strive to offer the greatest competitive value to a global market . For instance (and even this limitation is apparently going to be removed by our public servants) in our neighborhood the 30 to 40 could all be clustered around and effectively completely appropriate the major family amenity which is a small neighborhood and swimming pool. We already have a number of STR units in our neighborhood; we call them ""black holes"" because in these units of healthy neighborhood life. There are new cars at these houses every few days sometimes a lot of neighbors are treated with indifference there's an inability to differentiate neighbors from strangers in the neighborhood occasional parties (this is an 'illegal' use in this ordinance but it is one that will obviously require continuous enforcement burden will be borne by residential neighbors). Borne in other words by those who have lost their right through expect residential uses of the housing in the residentially-zoned areas where they have made commitments for their families. Under this ordinance these commitments are turning out to be simply exposures to local politicians with directed agendas.
guadalupe sosa	78704	6/21/12	Short term commercial rental property have no place in residential neighborhoods where children walk to school and neighbors in their front yards. We need to protect the children and elderly who rely on the safety of their familiar familiar neighbors who care and check on them.
Meredith Jarrett	78756	6/21/12	Dont feel safe
Benjamin Reece	78745	6/21/12	I'd prefer to live in a city that is a shared community, rather than a transient, overpriced commerce zone.
Ann Teich	78758	6/21/12	Unless Austin's city government is prepared to closely monitor commercial hotel-type short term rentals (and then hold landlords accountable in a timely manner for the actions of their tenants), I can not support these types of rentals implies a staff to to monitor, and staff costs money. If Austin is not prepared to bear that cost, then I am not prepared this type of rental.
Mirjana Hrgovcic	78756	6/21/12	against short term rentals
Holly Gordon	78745	6/22/12	I had an Home Away across the street -- and it was not good! Noise, trash, cars, knocks on our door at all hours wanting help with the house, etc. Ugh! Just so someone else could make a lot of money!
Kata Carbone	78766	6/23/12	Those of us who purchased homes or signed 12-month rental leases within single-family neighborhoods did so with that our neighbors would be residents, not businesses---let alone businesses selling guest accommodations by the
Michael Curry	78701	6/25/12	It is simpler than the petition suggests. Neighbors want neighbors, not vacationers.
Debra Austin	78704	6/25/12	I live in Barton Hills.
Andrea Michael	78704	6/25/12	I oppose Short Term rentals in my neighborhood. We already have one on this block causing much noise, traffic
Adela Mattos	78746	6/26/12	Allowing commercial short term rental in residential neighborhoods undermines the security of our children, family homestead, for which we pay dear taxes. Not to mention traffic congestion, pollution,drunkness,noise...
Ann Riddel	78704	6/26/12	I have no objection to owner-occupied short term rentals. I do object to single-family commercial short term rentals

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Don Tucker	78757	6/27/12	Companies should not be allowed to run businesses in residential neighborhoods that are illegal to run by the nei
Kristin Gustafson	78757	6/27/12	I live in central Austin. I do NOT want short term rentals on my street. I doubt these will be monitored or regula
Al Evans	78757	6/27/12	open invitation to crime in the neighborhood.
Mark McNeese	78757	6/27/12	No short-term rentals in my neighborhood, please!
Robyn McCarty	78757	6/27/12	I live across the street from a house that used to be a residence, but is now rented out in a short term agreemen
Carolyn Smith	78757	6/27/12	number of people and cars parked in immediate area that the residence of neighborhood don't know anything abc
Kerry McNeese	78757	6/27/12	neighborhood (Allandale) to crime and people who one doesn't know if they belong or not. That is not why we mo
Theresa Mendoza	78741	6/28/12	neighborhood. Private housing/homes are just that "private." It can and will affect property values and other mati
Kirsten Thompson	78751	6/28/12	We have enough problems with traffic, noise, parking from businesses (that are in properly zoned areas) around t
Cathy McClaugherty	78757	6/28/12	neighborhood. Commercial STRs would just compound the problems and make a buck for corporations at the exp
Michelle Staneff	78757	6/28/12	neighbors. I also concur with the safety concerns cited by others. When will City Council start listening to the cit
Charles Mabry	78757	6/28/12	chasing \$\$\$??
Cindy Cook	78704	6/29/12	These aren't good for building safe community.
Julia Reynolds	78751	6/29/12	I live across the street from one of these short term rentals. I don't appreciate the excess traffic/cars and I don't
Russell Stevens	78705	6/29/12	around. It's not condusive to our family "neighborhood".
Linda Ryncavage	78745	6/29/12	Our neighborhood has enough with multiple families living together in Section 8 houses. I oppose commercial sh
Alex Davern	78705	6/30/12	properties in my neighborhood! To protect the integrity of your neighborhood, you must say NO!
William Clifford	78727	7/2/12	Do not allow CSTRs to threaten the character and cohesion of our neighborhoods and drive away the long-term re

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Mark Boyden	78723-3233	7/3/12	There is a reason for the separation of residential neighborhoods and motels. Micro-motels don't belong in the neighborhood. There is a reason that other municipalities don't allow these - Austin shouldn't allow them either. There are better places for them.
Caroline Reynolds	78731	7/4/12	I am shocked and appalled that Council would upzone our residential areas to commercial without proper hearing. This raises house prices and taxes for young families, but underfunds enforcement for proper management of dispersed accommodations already being illegally operated by scofflaws.
B Meacham	78704	7/4/12	Residential neighborhoods should be for residential use, not commercial hotel-like users.
Judith Searcy	78705	7/4/12	STR's degrade surrounding properties, and for property tax purposes will be taxed as residences while generating commercial use.
Charles Walton	78704	7/4/12	Single family residential neighborhoods are communities of vested members. Commercial ventures with no vested interest will undermine the concepts of neighborhood and community, and the zoning intended for their preservation.
Nick Barbaro	78751	7/4/12	Not sure I believe every argument in the petition, but, hey, it's the number of signatures that counts, right? And I think commercial use is commercial use. And there may be a place for it in residential zoning but you haven't yet sufficient evidence that is."
Bill Ley	78705	7/4/12	Only one STR maximum per 1,000' radius
Kathleen Green	78704	7/5/12	I am
Ann Mitchell	78704	7/5/12	I want to have real neighbors who want to live in our community and raise their children here. This will make our neighborhood a vibrant, engaged community which only makes our city a friendlier place to live.
Sylvia Greenberg	78703	7/5/12	Residential neighborhoods are just that. They are not a business and they should not be converted into one. We want to protect the integrity of our beloved neighborhoods intact. "
HARRY SWINNEY	78751	7/5/12	to protect Austin neighborhoods!
James Damon	78703	7/5/12	My once-quiet neighborhood has already grown stressful with increased traffic. God made hotels and motels for short-term rentals.
Angel Landrum	78746	7/5/12	I DO NOT want CSTR in my neighborhood. I want to live in a place that I can know my neighbors. I pay WAY TOO much here to not say a word about this. Please vote NO.
Susan Randle	78704	7/5/12	I believe that commercial non-homestead short-term rentals will not be beneficial to the Barton Hills neighborhood.
Linda Hicks-Green	78704	7/5/12	I do not support STR clustered in my neighborhood.
Edd Patton	78753	7/6/12	I support owner short-term rentals but oppose commercial short-term rentals. It would potentially negatively affect the quality of our neighborhoods.
Sandy Frederick	78745	7/7/12	Feel commercial short term rentals will cause more traffic, loud parties, strangers in neighborhood, etc.
Thomas Applewhite	78704	7/7/12	Commercial STRs are a bad idea for any city. They encourage absentee ownership and damage the quality of neighborhoods. I will vote NO on this ill-conceived ordinance.
Rosalie Russell	78704	7/8/12	My home is in a residential area. Commercial businesses are against the deed restrictions and zoning. I expect Council to vote NO to STRs. No commercial businesses should be encouraged to encroach into providentially zoned areas.
Peter Smith	78756	7/8/12	If the Austin City Council overturns our present zoning protection for single family neighborhoods and allows the conversion of single family homes into commercial hotels next to homes, most homeowners will not want to invest in improving their homes in the future. A major investment could go down the drain instantly if the house next door were converted into one of these hotels.
Allan McMurtry	78757	7/8/12	This violates the integrity of and values in neighborhoods. Put commercial ops in Commercial zoning.
Gary Cannon	78757	7/9/12	I have a STR next door to me. Usually not a problem as far as the renters, but the owners lied to me and neighbors about their intentions for the property when they bought it. Also, I have heard that building codes were not adhered to during construction. Perhaps they were required to fix that after the fact....GC"

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Brent Corbett	78703	7/9/12	This is bananas. We pay the highest taxes of anyone I know in the state of Texas and now this allows basically cc our neighborhoods! We moved here for quality of life for our children and this absolutely compromises their quali Kill this initiative!
Marie Collins	78757	7/11/12	We bought our house assuming we'd be in a residential area, as it is zoned, and would have "real" neighbors near other's backs, but now we have a STR on our short street. We don't know how many more will be added nearby if passes. These STRs aren't legal by any stretch, and will destroy Austin neighborhoods. Why should we pay such f city where our quality of life is degraded by that same city by its goofy interpretation of its own rules or a city tha and regs to suit the highest bidder?
Pat Oakes	78704	7/11/12	There is a short-term rental house on our street--it has caused numerous disruptions. The people who bought th under false pretenses. We have a wonderful street of neighbors and we are all opposed to these short-term renta
Donna Ellis	78748	7/11/12	Enough.
Margaret Edwards	78757	7/11/12	I am signing to preserve my neighborhood as a home for families, not a market for corporations to turn into mini
Stephanie Moll	78757	7/11/12	I recently moved back into Austin (from the Lake area) and chose a neighborhood where families live and people other. Please do not let this ordinance pass. STR should stay in motels/hotels. Build more of those if there aren't
Tyler Woodall	78757	7/11/12	I live in an unrestricted neighborhood (Brentwood/Crestview), that I would like to remain just that, a neighborho
Anne Rogers	78756	7/12/12	I am adamantly opposed to commercial short-term rental our our neighborhood homes!!
Diane Kramer	78756	7/12/12	I live in Rosedale because of its old style neighborhood feel. I believe commercial STR's will destroy that in any c betrayed by my City Council for considering this. My neighborhood is not zoned for commerical businesses.
Nina Miller	78704	7/12/12	I bought a house in a residential, not commercial, neighborhood because I wanted that kind of neighborhood, and families who could become friends, or would at least be neighborly. I don't want to see the spirit of community er of strangers all over the place who have no commitment to or stake in this neighborhood. STRs are a travesty.
John Elford	78703	7/13/12	Short term rentals sacrifice neighborhoods and child safety to commercial interests.
David Poisson	78704	7/13/12	I live in one of the high STR areas. A short term rental is a commercial operation and not allowed within the deec Barton Hills neighborhood. I don't pay \$10,000 in property taxes to have single family homes on my street or in being used as a hotel or party house, which creates a transient condition with many unknown people and also sm population for my local elementary school.
Carol McIntosh	78704	7/14/12	There is already type 1 short-term rental next door to me; it is owned by a woman who once lived there but has years. It has not been a problem so far, but it easily could become one.
Gardner Sumner	78704	7/14/12	Do not want commercial businesses in our neighborhoods.
Don Farish	78757	7/14/12	I can't agree to renting neighborhood houses to paying guests - UNLESS the city controls the rental criteria. Ever a maximum occupancy number - and it MUST be set, then enforced, by the city. The city must also control the n that will park around these houses. I know the city won't take the time to control these issues, and realistically it commercial short-term rentals until better controls are put in place.
James Kennedy	78758	7/15/12	There is something simular to this going on at the end of my street and so many cars at one house near a corner hazard. The driveway is full of cars and both sides of the street.
Andria Miner	78756	7/15/12	I am concerned about the implied impact of Short Term Rentals on our City's neighborhoods.
Jenny P	78757	7/15/12	We need to keep the visitors out of Austin!

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Gary Murphy	78704	7/15/12	I am signing this petition because I have experienced, first hand, the impact of an STR in my neighborhood. Ther across the street from me. All that is stated in this petition is true to my personal experience. Every weekend whe special city event or not, there is at least 3-5 cars parked in front of and around my house. The occupants have p night, with no regard to how loud and disturbing they are being. There is often trash strewn around the house an owners of the property made a conscious effort to distance themselves from any contact with the neighbors, and contact needs to be made with the owners for any reason, there isn't a way to do so. That in itself sent a messag neighborhood that this situation was not one of a harmonious nature, but one of a cold business that has no inter anything but their own interests. My concern is that it will be impossible to determine whether a property is owne commercially owned and to allow this situation to be present in private sector neighborhoods will ultimately be th deterioration in our inner city neighborhoods.
Catherine van Zanten	78757	7/16/12	I feel lucky to be living in a neighborhood that is a friendly and caring community. We know one another and are lives. From greetings on evening walks to get--togethers, we enrich each other's lives. CSTR will take away our closeness.
Krista Kandel	78757	7/16/12	There is a CSTR on my block, and I don't want anymore in my residential neighborhood! The reasons are numerc homeowner having to deal with one as a neighbor will tell you they are a nuisance.
Kim Relph	78756	7/16/12	I do not want commercial businesses in my residential neighborhood. This is outrageous and unbelievable that tr discussed.
Daniel Taub	78757	7/16/12	Single family zoning exists for good reasons. Commercial rental properties in such areas will seriously impinge on neighbors to enjoy their homes.
Charles Young	78756	7/16/12	I don't want my single-family neighborhood to become home to a bunch of transient rentals who don't care about This is an issue that affects both the quality of life in our neighborhoods and the value of the homes that we've pu
Bonnie Allen	78731	7/16/12	I am concerned that short term rentals will erode the safety and security of our neighborhood. Not only are the vi homes not known to us, but those with criminal records are not known to our local law enforcement.
Denise Sample	78751	7/16/12	My family lives in 78751 and are opposed to the negative changes commercial short-term rentals would mean for
Merlene F. Waters	78757	7/17/12	To protect my neighborhood and the safety & security of knowing who my neighbors are. To me, it is scary for the who have children in the neighborhood to never know who will be staying next door, across the street or down th Austin, born & raised. Some of the decisions this council makes scares me more than any council that I can reme 50 years. decisions that
Marcia Holloway	78704	7/17/12	Residents, not investors, PLEASE. Keep Austin livable.
Suvi Aika	78704	7/18/12	Allowing CSTRs in my neighborhood would damage my community and threaten enrollment numbers at my local Elementary.
Sandra ONeal	78640	7/18/12	I have friends with a B&B downtown and they suffer from these rentals!
Lawrence Loew	78759	7/18/12	The council is providing too much support to corporations for some time. The individual Austinite is being ignored
Ken Farmer	78759	7/18/12	Integrity of neighborhoods. Homes were bought to be homes, not neighbors to what amounts to a hotel with no c

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Kay Killen	7764-0362	7/19/12	I do not oppose homestead short term rentals where owners rent temporarily to SxSW and ACL visitors. I object term rentals where single family homes are rented daily, weekly, monthly by strangers and not owner occupied, t into an unregulated unmonitored motel. This type of commercial zoning is not legal and not appropriate for a res neighborhood, it goes against our neighborhood plan, and would forever adversely affect our neighbors and espec schools. The ordinance agreed to by 5 of the Council members at the 11th hour without public comment, needs t the right thing to do for Austin's future--for the fabric of life we cherish and wish to protect. How do you want yo written?
Scot Johnson	78751	7/19/12	Short-term commercial rental occupants may not respect neighborhood values and the house's owners are not re
Mike Austin	78757	7/19/12	I am signing because I care about the quality and nature of life in Austin residential areas and strongly feel that a would seriously degrade that quality, for all of the reasons stated in this petition.
Jenn C Coleman	78745	7/19/12	I oppose short term COMMERCIAL rentals in our neighborhoods. Would you want a hotel next door to you?
Amy Toulouse	78757	7/19/12	There is a STR less than a mile from our neighborhood, and I have heard the complaints from those neighbors. I of activity anywhere near my nine-year-old and his friends. We already have enough trouble with the soccer field
Sanjay Rana	78759	7/19/12	This could be detrimental to property values. It may seem like more demand is created by letting in investment c discourages sales to primary residence home buyers if the neighborhoods landscape changes. Investment compa bail if some years don't look good for the rental markets which artificially lowers housing prices. This would be a benefiting corporations looking to make quick profits.
George Oldziej		7/19/12	I am an Austin property owner and taxpayer that doesn't want to see this practice implemented in my neighborhc neighborhood for that matter.
Duane Keith		7/19/12	The reason of often increased criminal presence should be obvious, even if you ARE an out-of-touch rich kid "tryir difference" as an elected official.
Nancy Maclaine	78704	7/19/12	I object to wholesale and un-monitored invasion of my neighborhood so some corporations can make money at peace and security. Commercial enterprises do not belong in residential neighborhoods. If anybody is going to m term rentals it should be the homeowners not corporations.
Susan Berk	78723	7/20/12	Don't want short term, partying neighbors.
Heidi Ballek, RN	78757	7/20/12	I don't think commercial short-term rentals would be good for our neighborhood or any neighborhood in Austin. I moving in and out frequently, the whole culture of the street/neighborhood changes. You can't get to know your relationships with them. It doesn't feel as safe because you can't count on your neighbors to be there to look out house. One reason many may buy a certain house is because they are comfortable with the neighbors around, bi changing constantly, that would certainly make the value of the neighborhood go down. Houses are already expe not make them even less affordable!
Steve Jenkins	78757	7/20/12	I have lived in this neighborhood for 12 yrs. and already there are changes I don't really like. I wish to preserve Beaver" like nature of the Crestview/ Brentwood areas. No big box stores and no residential Hotels.
Sally Wallace	78757	7/20/12	I live behind one of these short-term rentals and it has been a nightmare! Ask any hotel manager - people stayir act in ways they never would act at home. This is a family neighborhood, not 6th street on a Saturday night. Pl out of my backyard!
Robert Benning	78757	7/20/12	To safeguard and protect the character of the neighborhood and the safety of its residents.
Judith Benning	78757	7/20/12	To protect my neighborhood and its property values.

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Edward Coleman	78731	7/20/12	I brought my home because it was a family neighborhood. I value the security of knowing who lives next door to zoning rules being bent for business reasons with no regard for my interests.
Donna Edgar	78731	7/20/12	I believe 'neighborhood' and 'commercial rental' to be diametrically opposed...there is no place in a neighborhood unsupervised day rentals.
Debra Berliner	78757	7/20/12	This is bad for neighborhoods and will increase housing costs.
			<p>The Austin Neighborhoods Council was established in 1973. Our motto is Strength Through Unity. We need unity i A rally is scheduled for this Saturday at 10 AM at the corner of 5th Street and Lamar which is close to the headq HomeAway. The proposed ordinance which we should strongly oppose was heavily influenced and drafted by rep HomeAway. Business enterprises like Commercial Short-Term Rentals are not permitted within residential zoning ; allowed. But unless you act they will be because Chris Riley Mike Martinez Lee Leffingwell Bill Spelman and She ""hotel"" business activity within neighborhoods should be allowed. Their five votes will open the floodgates to coi term rentals. (Laura Morrison and Kathie Tovo oppose commercial short-term rentals.) I ask you to actively oppo ordinance sign the petition and come to the rally for the following reasons: * REDUCED PUBLIC SCHOOL ENRC proposed ordinance which would legalize the growing problem of commercial short-term rentals has the potentia reduce the enrollment and viability of Austin's public schools particularly for smaller central city elementary camp of a several dozen students can easily tip a school into under-enrollment. Unfortunately these are the very neigh experiencing a growing surge of Commercial Short-Term rentals.</p> <p>* POSSIBLE SCHOOL CLOSURES. The loss of homes due to the rising numbers of Commercial Short-Term Rentals reduce enrollment in neighborhood schools increasing risk for closure.</p> <p>* TOO MANY SHORT-TERM RENTALS. Clustering of Commercial Short-Term Rentals will exacerbate the negative in The City of Austin's Planning Commission originally recommended a minimum distance of 1000' between Commer Rentals to avoid clustering non-resident uses. However this limitation has been dropped from the current draft or</p> <p>* PUBLIC SAFETY. Probation conditions for registered sex offenders are unenforceable in commercial short-term r or child-centered activities. Buffer zones must not be left out of any ordinance that is passed.</p> <p>* SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF MULTI-FAMILY HOMES. Allowing unregulated Commercial Short-Term Rentals in multifan the potential loss of tens of thousands of housing units citywide removing housing options for Austin students an contributing to student mobility which can hurt academic achievement.</p> <p>If you support this effort please take action join the rally and sign the petition at: http://www.protectaustinneigl In closing consider this: How many families now live in West Campus now that the apartments sublets dormito houses have taken over? Very few.</p> <p>How many families live in the homes near downtown that are now predominantly occupied by law firms? Not as m When you drastically change the nature of a neighborhood sadly the neighborhood dies. We worked too hard for to create an ordinance that would satisfy all parties. The current draft of the ordinance up for a vote unfairly serv short-term rental businesses over those of neighborhoods. It's just this simple: Commercial short-term rentals ar businesses that do not belong in the neighborhoods we cherish. Please join our effort to oppose this ordinance an</p>
Steven Alloway	78703	7/20/12	better protects the interests of neighborhoods and schools.
Maureen OConnor	78757	7/20/12	We need to preserve our neighborhoods!
Susan Erickson	78703	7/20/12	I'm concerned about the future viability of our neighborhoods and our schools.

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Michael Jones	78704	7/20/12	The impact CSTR's would have on residential neighborhoods would negatively impact our schools, neighborhood community involvement.
Monte Rhodes	78756	7/20/12	Stop the commercial development of neighborhoods!
Karen Knight	78757	7/20/12	STRs are commercial enterprises in all the wrong places. Family oriented neighborhoods do not want these busin anywhere. You must honor the meaning of "single family" zoned areas and stop this nonsense of STRs. You may ordinances you like but the City of Austin will never be able to properly regulate these commercial entities. Don't VOTE AGAINST SHORT TERM RENTALS!!!!
Linda Harty	78757	7/20/12	I want to preserve my neighborhood. I want to live next door to long term residents!
Betsy Greenberg	78705	7/20/12	My central Austin neighborhood is under pressure from both stealth dorms and commercial developers wanting in The last thing we need is to have short term rentals squeezing out even more of the residential core.
Barbara Watt	78703	7/21/12	I live in an older neighborhood close to central Austin and have experienced my next door neighbors renting out week-end on several occasions.
mary dale ellis	78701	7/21/12	Owner in my small Judges Hill condo gave bldg code for daily rental on air bnb. In view of nuts in the world, very invitation for robbery, assault, or worse to other residents for a few dollars. Selfish act by a prominent resident. rules and now she is advertising a 30 day minimum. Maybe we should put a MOTEL 6 sign next to Welcome to Au Austin Weird.
Warren Echols	78757	7/21/12	I don't my neighborhood ruined so some out of towners can have a good time here. Let them get a hotel where tl of their activities. Not in my neighborhood.
Sharon Echols	78757	7/21/12	I don't want people coming and going in my neighborhood who don't belong here. Mayor, would you want them in
Robert Rose	78757	7/21/12	The long term impact of allowing commercial short term rentals will be a devastating loss of value of properties in to downtown Austin. This will ultimately cost homeowners and taxing authorities when commercial interests cut c provide proper upkeep and maintenance to the properties they may purchase.
Kaleta Krull	78756	7/21/12	parking, loud music, no ties to neighbors that promotes respect of property or noise level; difficulty selling a hom these. Our taxes are way too high to have to tolerate this. Shame on you for considering it.
Barbara Tucker	78757	7/21/12	I want people I know living near our home, not a transient population. I would not buy a home near a STR.
David Cansler	78727	7/21/12	I am opposed to allowing commercial leasing of living spaces within family neighborhoods. i will be watching the vote accordingly in future Austin City Council elections.
Nanci Macfarlane	78757	7/21/12	I really like knowing my neighbors. It makes me feel safer and adds to my quality of life. Short-term rentals are money grubbing idea with absolute disregard for homeowners.
Deborah Parks	78665	7/22/12	I'm new to TX been here app. 1 yr and i am on market for a new home which may be in austin or may be out in s for home prices to increase, myself.
Carolyn M. Miller	78704	7/22/12	There is a Large rental home in our block already. SXSW is HELL on our street. The number of vehicles coming & "Drive at your own Risk" scenario. (We have even had TOUR BUSES trying to maneuver, and BLOCK our small s arriving back to the property after a night of partying, usually keep it going until 5 or 6 a.m. These people are "tr respect for those of us who live, work, and PAY PROPERTY TAXES in this area. I do NOT support ANY short term r to ANYONE.
Jack Allen	78705	7/22/12	Elderly citizens and those with children do not need the instability of neighbors moving in and out every week th the key players at Austin's "Home Away" do not live in neighborhoods that permit STRs. It's a business venture th degrade our quality of life and remove us from all those prosperity-inducing Top 10 Cities to Live lists!

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Miriam Becker	78645	7/22/12	Having moved to an area where CSTRs are allowed (even though they are against the bylaws) I know how bad th The people renting are on vacation...they are there for a 48 or 72-hour party. They don't live in the community, s respect for the neighbors or neighborhood. This increase in transient traffic in the neighborhood also increases th neighborhood. The council members would change their minds if they had people in the house next to them (and from them) partying like it's spring break...and that goes on every weekend.
Carol E. Edwards	78757	7/22/12	I am strongly opposed to Short Term Rentals. Currently live next door to tenants moving in and out every 2-3 wk lives in CA. I have had some strange characters next door and it clearly detracts from the Allandale neighborhood
George Purcell	78705	7/22/12	This ordinance is going to be gamed and the result will be horrible for neighborhoods.
Gloria Munguia	78727	7/23/12	Shame on those of you who support type-2 short-term rentals! Ruining the privacy, safety and beauty of people for the sake of MONEY! Shame on you!
Nancy Davis	78756	7/23/12	I'm in favor of a homeowner's being able to rent short-term, but I urge you to oppose commercial short-term ren neighborhoods.
Virginia Talley	78703	7/23/12	It is already hard enough to afford a single family home in Austin and the threat of developers buying up even mo will make it that much more difficult for individuals such as myself to buy a house in Austin. There is already so m going on and it would be nice to keep Austin unique rather than turning it into another boring, commercial city wi
Marion Coffee	78756	7/23/12	To protect central public schools.
Corey Miller	78751	7/23/12	To keep housing costs lower and to keep neighborhoods more cohesive.
Deirdre McKee	78705	7/23/12	It is not an idea that will strengthen neighborhoods. As it is we have to keep up a strong vigil when absentee lan students without care about the property. This will definitely add to the problem of neighborhood upkeep.
Brenda Benner-New	78704	7/24/12	My husband and I own a fourplex in the southern portion of Zilker. We homesteaded 1/2 the building, and have li other half. Even though most of our neighbors are renters, we enjoy a longer term relationship with them. I hea Neighborhood Watch for all the 4 plexes on Barton Village Cr and the 5 duplexes on Barton Skyway. These peopl watch out for each other. I am happy that the owners of these multi plexes have not decided to make them STR. area a neighborhood not a hotel.
Jessica Peppler	78757	7/24/12	I want my neighborhood to remain the wonderful community it currently is. Short Term Rentals and their transien my community, make me feel less safe, and negatively impact my quality of life. We have plenty of hotels in Aust people should stay if they need to be somewhere short-term. Let's save our wonderful neighborhoods for people v communities and contribute to the long-term well-being of our city.
Brian Peppler	78757	7/24/12	Short Term Rentals negatively impact my quality of life, property value, safety, and sense of community. I love m AUSTIN RESIDENTS and I want it to stay a neighborhood full of AUSTIN RESIDENTS.
William Tucker	78704	7/24/12	For many people buying a home is a substantial investment - easily the largest that they will ever make. To buy have the house or houses next to you become "hotels" (or more politically correct, "short-term rentals") would be Zilker neighborhood where my wife and I live there are already becoming more and more issues with break-ins - neighbors and watching out for one another is helpful in preventing these issues. WTR's take this out of the neigl know your neighbors. It's money over neighborhoods - you folks hold this in your hands. sincerely w. tucker
Susan Penfielf	78704	7/24/12	To preserve the integrity of our great neighborhood, including the family base for our local schools.

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Joey Walkre	78703	7/25/12	It is unconscionable for the Mayor and the City Council to put neighborhoods in jeopardy. To approve CSTRs goes against the neighborhoods that neighborhoods are meant to be. It is high time for the Mayor and the City Council to put a high priority on the neighborhoods that make Austin a liveable city and quite penalizing the citizens that live in the neighborhoods all over the city for the "mighty" dollar.
Luann Toney	78757	7/25/12	The sanctity of family homes and neighborhoods is eroded when absentee owners and un-enfranchised renters use properties for convenience and commercial purposes, rather than as homes.
Keena Miller	78745	7/25/12	Please BAN COMMERCIAL short term rentals (CSTR). Leave property owners who want to rent rooms out of their homes to do so. OWNER OCCUPIED short term rentals alone. The TWO are VERY DIFFERENT and should not be addressed collectively.

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Allison Gregory	78705	7/25/12	Commercially-owned houses that are used for long-term rental already create a strain on the neighborhoods, forcing owner-occupied houses to deal with transient neighbors and uninvolved or absent owners. Short term rental will compound existing problems: parking, privacy, pride of ownership (maintenance), quality of life for families with kids. We want to keep our neighborhoods safe and separate from areas of commerce.
Doris Nelson	78704	7/25/12	As a 20 year resident in the Zilker neighborhood, I am asking you to keep the Commercial Short Term Rentals out of our neighborhood. I am concerned for the affordability of owner occupied residences. I am concerned about the increase in crime in our neighborhood. A short term rental guest has no way of knowing if persons or cars in the neighborhood belong or are suspicious. I am concerned about keeping our excellent award winning schools full of students who live within the neighborhood. Thank you for your attention in this matter.
Doris Coward	78751	7/25/12	Type-2 commercial short-term rentals are antithetical to the concept of SF3 zoning. Please do not allow such rentals in SF3 areas in the city.
Jan Triplett	78731	7/25/12	I am concerned about short term rentals by investors rather than by home owners. Home owners are concerned about their neighbors; investors aren't usually.
Chris Mosley	78704	7/25/12	Stop hollowing out central Austin neighborhoods! This isn't Dallas.
Jo Ann Grantham	78704	7/26/12	Have lived in hood for 45 years. Don't want CSTR in the neighborhood. Need to maintain safe family oriented neighborhoods that support good local schools and businesses.
Jane Chamberlain	78751-5209	7/26/12	The Council ruined an important sacred area of our neighborhood when it allowed the likes of Andy Sarwahl to tear up Concordia. You could have turned it into a civic resource. Now we're asking you again to work to preserve life in our neighborhoods. What does it take?
Susan Marshall	78751	7/26/12	This is a quality of life issue for my neighborhood. There is NO benefit to our community; this is a proposal reeking of greed and selfishness. It is disappointing to see the Council even consider this proposal.
Elizabeth Walsh	78702	7/26/12	Owner occupied short-term rentals (including secondary apartments) are a great affordable housing strategy in Austin's inner-city neighborhoods. It also fitting for Austin's warm spirit of hospitality for visitors. Commercial short-term rentals, however, diminish the supply of affordable housing in the core of the city, pushing families further out, increasing the cost of providing services, and jeopardizing the neighborhood fabric.
Brent Adair	78757	7/27/12	The decision to allow or disallow CSTRs should be made at the neighborhood level, not by City Council.
John Andrews	78757	7/27/12	mixed-use development good, but not this sort, IMO.
Christianne Castleberry	78704	7/27/12	I purchased my home with the understanding that it would remain a residential neighborhood. My decision was also based on the fact that the community is vibrant and connected, reflecting what I've always attributed to the unique friendly character of Austin and what makes living here so special. I pay incredibly high taxes living so close to downtown, but can accept it given the unique residential community I'm in. I find it hard to believe that Austin community leaders are so willing to take away the safe, connected, RESIDENTIAL community that I have invested in.
Agnes Sekowski	78702	7/28/12	This short-term rentals ordinance will destroy neighborhoods like ours, in East Austin, which already suffers from intense gentrification. Please do not support this irresponsible ordinance!
Jphn Theiss	78757	7/28/12	Minimize law enforcement costs and community disruptions.
Sandra Booth	78704	7/28/12	There are already three STR's on my block!
Barbara Gettelman	78704	7/29/12	The tight rental market is already making Central Austin unaffordable for many people of average incomes. Allowing commercial short-term rentals will take properties off the regular rental market and drive up costs. I used to live in New Orleans and saw what happened to the French Quarter when it was taken over by vacation properties and second homes. That neighborhood has been hollowed out and is less safe with fewer residents looking out for one another.

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Stephen Wolff	78703	7/29/12	Given that Austin needs more hotel space, CSTRs are not a good solution and I do not support ANY such commercial use of SF-zoned property. I do support owner-occupied STRs, but CSTRs take the neighbor out of neighborhood. I know my neighbors, I vote in every election, and this issue is a swing issue for me when I cast that vote.
Brian Currier	78759	7/29/12	This city is difficult enough to live in at times. Those who vest in it as opposed to living in the cheaper suburbs need to be supported. Turning houses in my neighborhood into nightly rentals does not really benefit me or my neighborhood.
Mare Hopkins	78704	7/29/12	My neighborhood has enough of a transient population with all the businesses on S Congress. My friends who live next to a STR say the partying and lack of concern by both the renters and home owners is horrible.
Tom Amiss	78704	7/29/12	I have no objection to owner-occupied short term rentals. I do object to single-family commercial short term rentals.
Cenda Price	78704	7/29/12	Our residential zoning should be protecting our neighborhood from these mini-hotels with transient occupants with no owners on site. Keep our neighborhoods safe.
Phil Coleman	78759	7/29/12	My understanding is that this measure would allow homes near me to be bought up and turned into nightly rentals with none of the usual requirements for motels: on-site management, fire or safety measures, parking limits. I want to keep the neighborhood in which I live zoned for single- family dwellings.
Lori Renteria	78702	7/29/12	I oppose using SF lots for all commercial uses - in fact, I think many of the home-based business already allowed under exemptions should be reviewed in the Comp Plan code rewrite. Our neighborhood adopted mixed use commercial corridors (East Cesar Chavez to E. 6th Street) and having a TOD overlay grants liberal uses in those corridors. Allowing commercial hotels to use SF properties creates unfair competition with real hotels in our area that meet stringent compatibility standards and health, safety and ADA compliance issues. McCondos bulldozing affordable units will only increase speculation and taxes in our area. Please reconsider Type 2 CSTRs and at a minimum, put back the 1,000 ft. rule and make them play by the same rules/codes/fees as small hotels and bed and breakfast units.
Catherine Fryer	78756	7/30/12	I had a short term rental property next door to me for over a year. I had to go over in the middle of the night (2:00 a.m., 4:00 a.m.) on occasion to ask that they stop partying around the pool and/or turn off loud music. Many times there were considerate people there, but when the people were young and in town to party, it was a nightmare!
Mark Boyden	78723-3233	7/30/12	Commercial STRs are micro-motels. Motels of any size do not belong in neighborhoods. Even B&B's have on-site management; these will not. Single-family zoning is there for a reason. This is a city-wide zoning definition change that imperils neighborhood integrity.
Maria Norvell	78745	7/30/12	I like my Battle Bend Area as it is. That is why I purchase the house in 2003. At the present, there is a house next to me that has been rented to a family that plays music to all hours of the night, They have all kinds of strangers stoping by all the time, both night and day. I also have to deal with their dogs, who ruin my fence. They will not help replace the broken fence because it is not "their" home, and when you get in touch with the land lord, he declines to do anything about it because it is not his dog. I am strongly opose to this insanite, the people that post these laws do not live in the neighborhood or even near it. Yes I am strongly against it!
Maria Norvell & Santan Duran			
Darlene & John Sullivan	78745	7/30/12	There are no regulations, no safety for residents; it seems there is no concern by the City Council for our neighborhoods and what we as homeowners have worked hard to preserve.
Robin Anderson	78704	7/31/12	I object to short term rentals and also non-permitted movie/video projects in our neighborhood. The people living on our block loose our parking spaces, are unable to put our garbage cans at the curb and have to live with individuals turning backyards into impromptu late hour beergardens of strangers who do not care about the safety of the families.

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Doris Guyon	78758	7/31/12	I am opposed to CSTRs. I believe this will be detrimental to our neighborhoods and our schools.
George Pryor	78756	7/31/12	I urge you to delay this vote until the language, ambiguities and loopholes can be cleared up. It is a TERRIBLE ordinance as now worded and needs to be revised.
James Lloyd	78731	8/1/12	As a landlord, I know what rentals can do to a neighborhood.
Ken Hanson	78704	8/1/12	I have already experienced the negative effects of year-round commercial short-term rentals in my immediate neighborhood. The main house no longer seems to be owner-occupied (the owners have moved into a small cottage at the back of the property).
Melissa Hardie	78756	8/1/12	As a concerned citizen and homeowner, commercial STR's should not be treated like other commercial property. It should only be allowed in properly zoned/designated areas and I even think we should go a step further and get neighborhood approval.
richard roberts	78702	8/1/12	neighborhoods are zoned which do not include commercial properties. we have fought hard to protect the integrity of our neighborhoods from commercial invasion and see the cstr's as an end run to avoid zoning compliance.
glenda embree	78757	8/1/12	It is not wise to sacrifice the wellbeing of local neighborhoods for the economic profit of individuals who have no interest in the community other than financial.
Richard Mountain	78756	8/2/12	Because commercial STRs don't meet the single-family use definition.
LEWIS LEIBOVICH	78704	8/2/12	In addition to the destruction of the residential quality of neighborhoods by allowing the disruptive equivalent of motels/hotels in non-commercial residential areas, this would also allow a permanent "Open Season" for registered sex offenders. Just rent a house in a residential neighborhood say a block or two away from a school or playground. Who's going to know your there on holiday from the requirement imposed by your state (wherever that may be) No requirement for screening renters against sex offender databases in Texas or anywhere. Allows offenders to rent houses very close to schools playgrounds and parks which wouldn't be allowed otherwise. If offenders aren't yet savvy to this yet they will soon realize an easy way around their current restrictions. Imagine the headlines excuses and the then too-late attempts to roll this all back by current city council members. For the owners of these commercial properties whatever excuses they might give would unless they are really sociopathic themselves the lifelong guilt would never be worth the monetary gain"
Eileen Nehme	78704	8/2/12	Let's address the demand for this type of hotel experience in another way. We can be creative here in Austin and come up with a solution that is not at the expense of residents. Build homey hotels in mixed use areas like south Lamar where visitors can still experience the residential areas without taking away an actual neighborhood residence, for which demand is already too h. We can come up with something that works better for Austin!